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BULLETIN

OF THE

TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB.

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§ 1. **Proceedings of the Torrey Club.**—At a regular meeting of the Club held at the "Herbarium," Columbia College, Dec. 9th, the Vice-President, Mr. A. Brown, in the absence of the President, occupied the Chair. Eighteen members were present.

Mr. G. M. Wilber reported having found *Viola cucullata* in flower in the middle of November, at Flushing, L. I. Mr. N. L. Britton, exhibited a number of grasses and sedges. Among these were *Scirpus sylvaticus* L., found on Staten Island, and new to Southern New York; *Eragrostis Purshii*, Schrad., now growing plentifully in the streets in the upper part of New York city; and *Eatonia obtusata*, Gray, which Mr. Britton stated is quite common on Staten Island. Miss Elizabeth G. Knight reported the discovery by her, last August of the rare fern *Schizaea pusilla*, and of *Littorella lacustris*, both of which she found growing near the shores of Grand Lake, Nova Scotia. Miss Knight distributed specimens of these plants, and also of the fruit of *Salisburia adiantifolia* from Central Park.

Dr. Jarvis spoke briefly on the subject of galls, and gave an outline of a theory which he had formed in regard to their origin. On an invitation from the Club he signified his willingness to read a paper on the subject at the next meeting.

At a meeting of the Club, on Jan. 13, 1880, there were 29 members present. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Chair was occupied by Mr. O. R. Willis.

The Treasurer's report for the past year was read, and referred to the Finance Committee. Six new members were elected, and two additional names proposed for membership.

Mr. Henshaw exhibited a number of beautiful tropical orchids and euphorbias. Mr. Jos. Schrenk called attention to the presence of small tubercles on the roots of *Trifolium repens*, and briefly discussed their nature and functions.

Mr. N. L. Britton exhibited specimens from Staten Island of *Cornus florida* with double bracts.

Mr. Bicknell reported the discovery by him of *Hepatica triloba* and *Cerastium arvense* in flower on the 11th of January of the present year, at Riverdale on the Hudson.

The present being the Annual Meeting, the Club proceeded to ballot for officers for the current year, with the following result:

President, Dr. J. S. NEWBERRY; *Vice-President*, A. BROWN; *Treasurer*, JNO. J. CROOKE; *Corresponding Secretary*, W. H. LEGGETT; *Recording Secretary*, G. M. WILBER; *Editor*, W. H. LEGGETT; *Curator*, P. V. LEROY.

Owing to the lateness of the hour Dr. Jarvis signified his desire to postpone the reading of his paper on "Galls" till the next meeting.